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In re Application of: )  
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Tsuyoshi SHIBATA ) Group Art Unit: 1765  
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Application No.: 09/960,316 ) Examiner: Ahmed, S.  
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Filed: September 24, 2001 )  
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For: METHOD FOR FORMING )  
PATTERN )

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 1A-1F, 2B, 2F, and 3E in the above-captioned application be amended as follows:

Please add the legend -- Prior Art -- to each of Figs. 1A-1F;

add reference numeral 4 to Fig. 2B;

change reference numeral 3 to 3a in Fig. 2F; and

add reference numeral 16 to Fig. 3E.

The changes are indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

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Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised formal drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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